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SUBJ: SEVENTH CONFERENCE OF MAYORS OF WORLD'S MAJOR CITIES -
APRIL 14-19, 1978

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1. THE AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED LETTERS FROM FORMER MILAN MAYOR ALDO ANIASI AND FROM AURELIO PECCEI, PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB OF ROME, REGARDING THE SEVENTH CONFERENCE OF MAYORS OF THE WORLD'S MAJOR CITIES TO BE HELD IN MILAN ON APRIL 14-19, 1978. BOTH PECCEI AND ANIASI, WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE CENTER FOR COOPERATION AMONG WORLD CITIES WHICH IS ORGANIZING THE CONFERENCE, ASKED FOR AMBASSADOR GARDNER'S SUPPORT IN ENCOURAGING STRONG AMERICAN PARTICIPATION. PECCEI ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE CENTER FOR COOPERATION IS SPONSORING A THREE-YEAR STUDY ON "THE FUTURE OF CITIES - THE CITIES FOR THE FUTURE", WHICH HE (PECCEI) WILL COORDINATE. PECCEI MAINTAINS THAT A STUDY OF THIS SORT COULD ASSIST ON OECD PROJECT ON URBAN PROBLEMS, AND HE ENCOURAGED AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN IT.

2. IN HIS LETTER TO THE AMBASSADOR, PECCEI STATED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH JONATHAN GUNTHER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE
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OF MAYORS IN WASHINGTON, EARLIER THIS MONTH. ACCORDING TO PECCEI, GUNTHER SEEMED FAVORABLE TO AMERICAN PARTICIPATION BUT SAID THAT HE COULD GIVE NO RESPONSE UNTIL HE MET WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS LATE IN JANUARY.

3. WHILE THE EMBASSY CANNOT EVALUATE THE USEFULNESS OF THE CONFERENCE OR THE STUDY, IT URGES THE DEPARTMENT

TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH JONATHAN GUNTHER AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE AND TO ASK HIM TO GIVE THE PROPOSAL SERIOUS
CONSIDERATION.

4. THE AMBASSADOR WILL REPLY TO ANIASI AND PECCEI,
STATING THAT HE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE DEPARTMENT
OF STATE ON THIS MATTER AND HAS ASKED THE DEPARTMENT
TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION WITH GUNTHER. GARDNER

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